

POLICY FLASH 2005-53

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TO: Procurement Directors
FROM: Office of Procurement and Assistance Policy, ME-61
Office of Procurement and Assistance Management
SUBJECT: E-Government Initiative – Federal Technical Data Solution (FedTeDS), October 1, 2005 Implementation

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to make you aware of the process changes associated with the pending implementation of the Federal Technical Data Solution (FedTeDS), into the FAR. Developed under the Integrated Acquisition Environment (IAE), an E-Gov initiative which is part of the President's Management Agenda (PMA), FedTeDS is a web application specifically designed to safeguard sensitive acquisition related information.

It is anticipated that FedTeDS implementation in the FAR will make its use mandatory government-wide. Therefore, beginning October 1, 2005, DOE will use FedTeDS as the primary source of electronically disseminating sensitive acquisition related information.

Working in concert with other e-gov initiatives, such as the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) and Federal Procurement Data System-Next Generation (FPDS-NG), FedTeDS is the web application intended to safeguard Sensitive But Unclassified (SBU) acquisition related information during the solicitation phase. In addition to safeguarding the distribution and dissemination of SBU materials, FedTeDS will be integrated within DOE's electronic business processes (e.g., Industry Integrated Procurement System (IIPS)).

Once properly registered, FedTeDS is easily accessed via IIPS.

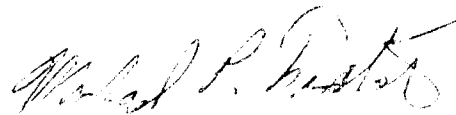
Forthcoming training and the IIPS user manual will provide detailed instruction on accessibility.

How will this affect work processes?

- Contracting officers must assess what sensitive acquisition related information will be posted on FedTeDS, after consulting with project team members and adhering to DOE Order O 471.1-A, "Identification and Protection of Unclassified Controlled Nuclear Information" and DOE O 471.3, "Identifying and Protecting Official Use Only Information."
- Contracting officers must ensure that prospective offerors have access to all necessary acquisition related information for affected procurements, according to their appropriate level of access.
- Contracting officers should register at <http://www.fedteds.gov> in order to post sensitive information to FedTeDS and designate vendor access.
- Contracting officers should participate in FedTeDS scheduled training sessions.

Training sessions on FedTeDS are scheduled for October 13th and 20th, twice each day. These sessions will be broadcast via web conferencing. Please see the attached training advisory for detailed information. Further guidance will be issued once changes to the FAR have been made.

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